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Woman escapes assailant in attempted rape

Attacker held victim at bay with syringe

By Sarah K. Cron
el Don Staff Writer

DUNLAP HALL, Santa Ana - An unidentified male attempted to rape an RSC instructional aide in a women's restroom in Dunlap

Hall, Tuesday, by threatening to stick her with a syringe.

According to an RSC security report, the woman entered the first-floor restroom at about 4:10 p.m. and noticed that although the stall doors were closed, no feet were visible. After leaving the corner stall, she saw a man in the mirror.

The assailant attacked the woman, holding a syringe in his hand and threatened to stick her

with it if she said anything. After she pleaded with him not to hurt her, he told her to "shut up," and again threatened her with the syringe, holding it near her temple, the report said.

In an attempt to stifle her screams, the assailant placed his other hand over the woman's mouth. According to the report she bit his hand drawing blood and he let her go. She fell to the floor, rolled under the sink and

kicked her attacker in the groin, and screamed, the report said.

The attacker again said he would "stick her" if she didn't stop shouting. When she continued to scream, he fled from the scene and was last seen heading for parking lot number six, according to J.R. Johnson, chief of campus security.

Roseann Cacciola, an RSC English instructor, said that the aide had left the writing center,

during a session to use the restroom. Shortly after, the students in the center heard screaming nearby.

Cacciola said that at first, they weren't sure what was happening. When the screams continued, they figured that it was serious. Bill Lennertz, an RSC English instructor, and a couple of students then went to investigate.

According to Lennertz, when Please see ASSAULT, Page 3

BUDGET TURMOIL

Unpaid time off proposed for RSC staff members

By Roger Denman
el Don Staff Writer

After cutting nearly \$7 million from the school budget over the last year, RSC is preparing for the next phase of cut-backs that may lead to a total of \$10 million in reductions.

"We are up to \$3.5 million that will be cut for the 1993-94 budget year," said RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins in an address to administration and faculty members, Wednesday, Feb. 23.

All administrators are currently subject to a pay cut of 4.09 percent. Managers already had their salaries cut by 3.83 percent in order to combat recent budgetary constraints.

"Many people think that these cuts have generated a lot of money, but they really haven't. These cuts have only generated \$192,000," Blevins said.

"The classifieds (non-faculty and non-administrative employees) have enacted a voluntary furlough (unpaid time off) that has saved \$21,000 over the last year, and this year's voluntary furlough will hopefully raise around \$43,000," she continued.

Blevins said that if there is an across the board pay cut the administrators and managers would have two weeks of paid vacation revoked. This would not be a "voluntary furlough", as is the case with the classifieds.

"A one percent pay-cut across the board would generate \$550,000 annually," said Blevins. These cuts are still being negotiated.

Recent actions to balance the budget included ending class instruction on Fridays at noon, after which only security and classifieds are working. In addition, RSC will not replace nine administrators who have left over the last year. Nor will they replace twenty faculty members who left last year due to retirement or other reasons.

The summer school program has already experienced a 25 percent cut. Although more cuts are imminent, Blevins said that a total removal of the summer school program is not in the best interest of the school.

"Only a couple of \$100,000 would be generated. Please see BUDGET, Page 3

Gays in the ROTC



COLLEGE MILITARY PROGRAM GRAPPLES WITH EQUAL RIGHTS

By John Williams
Special to the el Don

Gay and lesbian college students were pleased with President Clinton's move to eventually end the ban of homosexuals in the military, but enthusiasm was tempered because of the six-month delay in signing the presidential order.

Clinton was the center of a maelstrom in late January when he announced he would sign an executive order ending a 50-year military ban of gays and lesbians in the military.

After meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and key congressional leaders, Clinton announced that the armed forces

immediately would stop asking recruits and applicants to ROTC units about their sexual preference while the practical details of reversing the ban are worked out in the next six months.

On Feb. 3, the Pentagon put Clinton's orders into practice for recruiting centers and ROTC units. Prospective soldiers, sailors, airmen and women won't be asked about their sexual orientation; however, if they are found to be homosexual or admit to being gay or lesbian, they will be kicked out, a Department of Defense spokesman said.

They will lose their pay and benefits, but they will be eligible for reinstatement if the gay ban ends.

Gay and lesbian ROTC students who have been ousted for being homosexual won't be reinstated until the total ban is ended. A spokeswoman for Air Force ROTC at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., said no decision has been made concerning ongoing investigations of gay and lesbian ROTC students.

One ROTC student was turned down for reinstatement four days after Clinton made his announcement on Jan. 29. Neal Snow, a senior at the University of Maine, was dismissed from the school's Air Force ROTC unit last year when he told his commanding officers he was gay.

He reapplied for admission the week Please see MILITARY, Page 3

College Wire**Talk Show Woos Students**

BALTIMORE (CPS)-He may not be a David Letterman, but Dr. Shin Lin of Johns Hopkins University and his hot new talk show are attracting students in droves.

Lin, the associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the university, is teaching the wonders of biomedical research to his students in a talk show format every Monday night.

Lin, who plays host, finds "celebrity" doctors and scientists to chat about different topics every week ranging from "Biomechanics of Living Tissues," to "Charting a National Course for Research on Cardiovascular Diseases."

"One night I was watching Johnny Carson - I was a big fan of his - and I thought that his format might solve my problem. So I'll be like Johnny, or maybe like Oprah," he said.

"The point of this course is to allow undergraduates with no background in science to come and be educated in an entertaining way," Lin said. "There will be a minimum of graphs and charts. It's not all fun and games, though. There will be serious science."

Lin asks question about their families, careers and personal interests.

While students have to pass an exam at the end of the course, there are no textbooks and no exams.

New Stamp Honors Black Scientist

CHICAGO (CPS)-A new 29-cent postage stamp honoring black scientist Percy Julian was introduced at a ceremony at Roosevelt University in Chicago. The stamp, the 16th in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage Series, was released in honor of February's Black History Month.

Julian, who was the grandson of a slave, rose to become a foremost American scientist who held over 100 patents and published more than 200 scientific articles.

He received his master's degree from Harvard University, a doctorate from the University of Vienna, and was a trustee for six colleges and universities.

According to the U.S. Postal Service, "Percy Lavon Julian (1899-1975) was a distinguished scientist and chemical researcher. His synthesis of cortisone for arthritis, a drug for glaucoma and synthesis of progesterone won acclaim. In 1990, Julian was inducted into the prestigious National Inventors Hall of Fame."

"Elvis Presley is fine for a stamp, but I feel scientists and educators also should be considered," said fellow chemist David Paitak, a Northern Illinois University chemistry professor who lobbied the postal service to make the stamp in honor of Julian.

Secretary Charged In Theft Of Funds

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (CPS)-A former secretary at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock has been charged with taking \$8,100 from a checking account and petty cash fund.

Betty L. Johnson, who used to work in the school's Art Department, was charged with a second-class felony after an audit revealed that \$8,100 was missing, reported the campus newspaper, the UALR Forum.

Student Borrowing To Increase, Study Says

WASHINGTON (CPS)-Students will continue to borrow more money to pay for college educations in the future, and higher education institutions will be forced to use larger portions of their budgets on financial aid, an American Council on Education report said.

The number of students receiving federal assistance to pay for college increased significantly between 1970 and 1990. "In constant 1990 dollars, students borrowing under the guaranteed loan program more than tripled, from \$4.3 billion in 1970-71 to \$14 billion last year," the report said.

Grants more than double over the same period, from \$5.7 billion to \$13 billion.

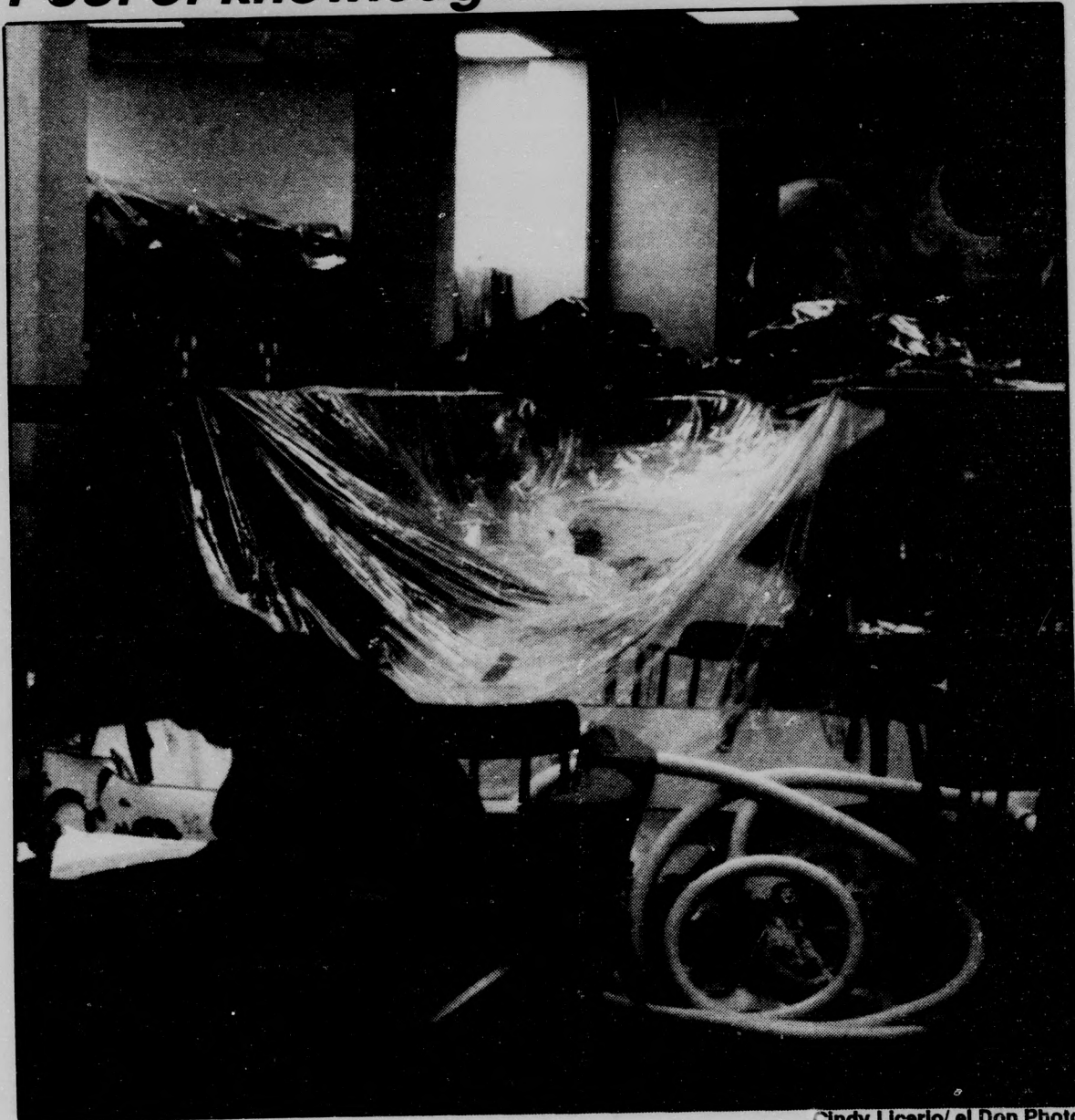
"Twenty years ago, more student aid was given in the form of grants than in loans, but today the reverse is true," said Charles Andersen, a senior staff associate with the American Council on Education.

Nor is the situation expected to improve. The 1992 amendments to the Higher Education Act raised annual and cumulative loan limits for students borrowing under the federal guaranteed loan programs, and also changed some income limits to make more middle-class students eligible for grants. However, budget limitations resulted in a cut in the maximum award for Pell Grants in 1993-94 from \$2,300 to \$2,200.

"With continuing pressures on the federal budget likely to restrict the size of increases in federal grant programs, it seems likely that significant growth in federally funded student aid programs will be found only in the loan programs," the report concluded.

A greater reliance on borrowing could make it harder for minority and low-income students to attend college, the report noted.

"The trend toward increased borrowing by greater numbers of students will pose a major challenge to President-elect Clinton as he seeks to reshape the federal loan program," said Robert Atwell, council president.

Pool of knowledge...

Cindy Licerio/el Don Photo

Paul Johnson of Mission Viejo studies in the damaged library that was caused by the recent rain storms that ravaged Orange County. Plastic sheets now cover book racks and portions of what used to be the study area. A child's wading pool catches runoff from the leaky roof.

Note This**Rainy days cause formation of "Nealley Lake" in RSC library**

By Manuel Vazquez
el Don Staff Writer

Continuing rains and problems with construction have caused damage to the Nealley Library on the main RSC campus, according to library officials. Areas damaged most include the ceiling, carpets and some books.

Because of the rains, plastic sheets now cover book racks and a portion of what once was the study area is now occupied by a large pool of water, nicknamed "Nealley Lake" by students and library staff. The pool catches runoff that comes through the roof.

When construction began, the contractor, LPA & Associates, removed portions of the roof. According to Linda Dressler, RSC librarian, the rains soon caused damage to books located near the construction area. Librarians also had to move computers and files out of harm's way.

Some felt the problems were unavoidable.

"I really wouldn't say that it was poor planning. I would think that they were caught by surprise. I don't know if we could've anticipated an early rainy season," said Carolyn Breeden, Dean of Learning Resources.

"We've taken a lot of extraordinary precautions. We took into account the students. Our primary objective was to keep the library open to the students," said Bob Brown, Director of Maintenance and Operations.

"When we originally met with Bob Brown

and his crew, we were told we would hear noise and that there wouldn't be any intrusion into the library itself," said Breeden. "And so when that first rain hit, we were really surprised that it (water) started coming in."

Students had mixed reactions to the construction problems.

"It's affected me in that before when they had the no-talking area closed off, there was nowhere to go to study that was quiet. I just hope the books don't get damaged," said RSC student Cathi Bonilla.

"It's really a shame that they can't control the flooding when they're doing construction. They need the addition to the library. You would think that with today's technology, they could control the leaking. I've never been in a building under construction that leaked this bad. I've never been in a library with a swimming pool in the middle of it," said Bonilla.

"I just noticed it today. It's pathetic that there's a swimming pool in the library. I just think that they should repair it," said RSC student Sandi Ronero.

While some students expressed their dismay at the damage, others felt that it did not have that much affect on them.

"In truth, it hasn't bothered me. It looks a little bad, but it hasn't affected me much," said RSC student Josephina Zavala.

According to Brown, the contractor understands the problem and will take steps to fix the damage to the library at no extra cost to RSC. At press time, library officials were unable to provide a dollar estimate on the damage caused by the rains.

ASSAULT: second attack in two years

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they realized what had happened, he reported the incident to campus security while some students brought the woman back into the writing center.

After security arrived, she was escorted to the health office to attend to her injuries inflicted during the assault. The restroom was closed off for further investigations, according to Johnson.

"It's a horrible incident," he said. "We (security) had been in that area at least four times that day."

David Dobos, dean of student affairs, had mixed emotions about the attack.

"I'm shocked," said Dobos. "I've known her for many years."

Although Dobos said that he was outraged at the incident, he was glad that she was not more seriously hurt and he hopes that she

recovers quickly.

"She handled it very well," he said.

According to Dobos, this is the second attempted rape in two years. Although security measures have increased, some staff members feel that more needs to be done to ensure safety on campus.

"These incidents are happening more frequently," said Cacciola. "So far we've been lucky. No one's been raped yet but our time is running out."

"We have to do something to protect our restrooms during the afternoons," she continued.

However, Johnson said that se-

curity is doing everything possible to prevent such attacks.

"We're doing everything we can to reduce the potential for that kind of incident."

Johnson added that everybody must help in reducing the chances of this happening again.

"Students in the afternoon and evening need to be aware of their surroundings," said Lennertz.

The suspect was reported as an Hispanic male about 20 to 25-years-old, 5'5" tall and weighing about 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. At the time of the assault he was wearing blue jeans, a white t-shirt and a blue checkered jacket, said Johnson.

BUDGET:

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ated from getting rid of summer school entirely, and that is not enough to get rid of the program," Blevins said.

Full-time faculty are the primary instructors of summer school classes.

While this costs the school more money the classes are necessary for students who need to finish up classes in order to transfer to a university, or for those who cannot attend classes during the normal school year.

Cutting Fridays from the summer school program is being considered as an alternative to dropping the program altogether.

RSC fire tech student Joe Rotell said that the recent budget cuts and planned reductions do not affect him right now.

However, when Rotell takes more general education classes over the summer he will feel the brunt of

the cuts.

"I think that it stinks because I work full time and I want to take classes over the summer, but I might not take any classes because the ones that I want may not be offered."

One cut-back Blevins said will not be made is in security.

Two full-time security guards recently left the RSC Security Department for other jobs.

The original plan was not to replace them but, because of violent incidents including a beating and robbery on campus, the administration has decided to refill those positions se said.

"I think that we would be foolhardy to go to the security personnel as a place to save money," Blevins continued.

According to Blevins, many of the finer security officers are in high demand and do not spend an extended amount of time working on the same job.

"I'd rather have the best we can buy for six or eight months," Blevins said.

Students rally against fee hike

By Gabe Serrato
el Don Staff Writer

RSC students have banded together to stop the increases in college fees, closing the door on political apathy.

"The Black Student Union has 900 signatures and no limit as to how many they want to collect," said Kevin Jones, a member of BSU. The club plans to mail them to the legislators along with the petitions and letter campaigns of other local colleges.

"So far the BSU, Students Unified for a Better Education and the Polynesian clubs have shown great support as far as taking petition sheets and having them signed," said Jones. "But we are looking for other clubs to help us as well."

RSC's Associated Student Body started their own letter writing campaign along with petitioning last week.

The ASB also started a postcard drive which will be sent to Gover-

nor Pete Wilson in order to show student support for the half-cent bill. "We want to urge Wilson to extend the half-cent sales tax," said Heather Herbert, RSC's Associated Student Body president.

RSC is also planning a lobbying trip on April 18. We are sending three students and one advisor, who will represent the student body in Sacramento.

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Clinton announced that sexual orientation questions would no longer be asked, and was turned down Feb. 1.

"I've tried to reapply. Since I was already discharged, I was told I was not allowed to ask, but if they discover you are gay, and it's obvious I'm gay, they won't let you in."

Snow said he is fighting his dismissal and is seeking advice from the University of Maine's legal counsel. What frustrates Snow, he said, is that he believes he would make an effective officer. He wants to get a master's degree and become a counselor in the Air Force.

"Once the ban is overturned, the military is going to need more counselors to deal with it," he said.

If the ban is lifted, there will still be problems, said Dr. Terry Stein, who teaches psychiatry at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Racism and sexism still exist, even though African Americans are allowed in the military, and women are taking a more prominent role and are allowed to attend the military academies.

"There is continued racial resistance and sexism against women in the military," he said. "There might be some problems, but there are already thousands of gays and lesbians in the military. The issue is that they can't identify themselves."

The gay and lesbian issue surfaced shortly after Clinton was sworn into office Jan. 20. He had made a campaign promise to end the military ban, but hit a wall of resistance when he announced intentions to end it. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, military personnel, congressional leader and ordinary citizen were

vehement in their opposition.

Gay and lesbian activists, and their supporters, were equally adamant the ban should end.

"My sense is that the issue has been in the background so long, those involved weren't prepared for the controversy when it came to the surface," said Robert O'Neil, a law professor at the University of Virginia.

"There are genuinely strong feelings and they may be magnified in the military. We tend to forget sometimes that the military is a hierarchical organization, that when given a directive, will accept. Once the word comes down, it is the law."

Part of Clinton's immediate compromise was ordering Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to prepare by July 15 a proposed executive order repealing the ban, and including a strict code of sexual conduct for all members of the military. O'Neil said he agrees with the delay.

"It was a sound resolution and a practical matter. I don't think it would have been possible to charge ahead at full speed at this point," he said.

Some gay and lesbian college students, however, think that Clinton shouldn't have compromised.

Snow, at the University of Maine, said the delay will hurt his re-entry into the Air Force.

"I wish he had overturned the ban right away. It would have helped my situation," he said, adding that the delay will give conservative opponents more opportunity to organize and fight for continuation of the ban.

Snow wants to serve his country, like thousands of other gay and lesbians have done, and he doesn't think the fact that he's will interfere with his service.

"I am very much determined to become a good officer. I have wanted to for a long time," he said. "I feel I would make good officer."

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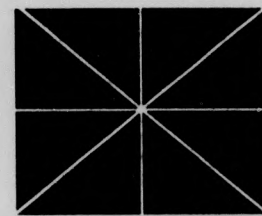
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DATE RAPE

The one you never suspect

A college student is accused of rape, found guilty of the crime by a campus judicial committee and sentenced to 100 hours of community service. His accuser and the university are convinced of his guilt, but he maintains his innocence. What is his recourse?

In January, Mark Mazour, a 21-year-old architectural engineering student, decided to sue Kansas State University on the grounds that his constitutional rights were violated.

The case illustrates the tenuous position of university judicial systems when dealing with the explosive issue of date rape, a crime that can bring a seven to ten-year prison sentence in the criminal justice system.

Mazour, who was accused last fall of rape and aggravated sodomy by a female student, contends that the university's policy against sexual violence is outside its authority, and that the university denied him due process in the judicial proceeding.

Criminal charges against Mazour, like many similar date rape charges, were dismissed for lack of evidence. And Mazour said he was not allowed to subpoena or question witnesses during a campus investigation, nor was he allowed to be present when witnesses were called.

"Mazour is still on the Kansas State campus," said John Fairman, assistant vice president for university relations at KSU.

In many cases, if the date rape victim presses formal charges, there is a simultaneous criminal proceeding going on at the same time as the campus proceedings.

However, criminal prosecutors are sometimes hesitant to prosecute date rape cases because the parties may have known each other before the alleged incident, and there is usually a lack of evidence. Assessment of guilt or innocence comes down to a question of who is the more credible witness.

Students who are accused of rape argue that a campus judicial system can ignore their constitutional rights. A single individual or board has the power to be prosecutor, judge and jury. And educators are concerned that campuses are making themselves vulnerable to lawsuits by bungling the processing of rape cases or failing to protect the victims.

And then there are those who say campus justice isn't tough enough on rapists. Carol Bohmer, sociology professor at the University of Pittsburgh and author of "The Campus Rape Crisis",

More universities are trying to handle date rape cases through their judicial systems, but legal pitfalls abound as the schools try to balance the rights of the accuser with the accused.

By Karen Neustadt



said schools need to have clearly written codes of conduct which include expulsion as punishment in the case of forcible sexual contact.

"Often the punishment doesn't fit the crime," Bohmer said. "If rapists were in the criminal justice system, they would be imprisoned, but judicial committees give them community service, probation, and minor things.

"Everything depends on how seriously the crime is taken by the university," Bohmer said. "It is difficult for people to treat this seriously because there is a

widely held attitude that, on a date, it is not rape."

Bohmer noted that universities can protect themselves from lawsuits by meticulously following procedures and having supportive attorneys on staff.

"If the university doesn't have decent procedures, and doesn't follow them, they will be at risk," Bohmer said. "Often they are bending ... to protect the rights of the accused, and ignore the rights of the victim."

No two college judicial systems are the same, so there is no uniform procedure for the handling of date rape cases.

However, campus judicial panels often serve up a swifter style of justice than the criminal courts.

"You could be thrown off campus in a matter of weeks," said Raymond Schifflett, student legal advisor at Southwest Texas State University. "And if you are in a big city like Miami or Houston, it could take two years before you go to trial. The university can't afford to wait two years."

Since Congress passed the Campus Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights in 1992, universities are required to notify the accuser of the results of the judicial hearing.

Historically, a woman who filed a rape complaint through the campus judicial system would not be notified by the university as to the outcome of the proceedings.

"The woman would have no idea if the guy was found guilty, fined, penalized, whether he was still on campus or what," said Michael Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center.

Kristine Collem, director of student legal services at Bemidji State University in Minnesota, said that after sitting through some of her school's judicial hearings on date rape, it was hard to say who the victim was. "The justice system is just not prepared to make that determination," Collem said. "I feel sorry for both parties. They both get creamed in the process."

At Bemidji, both parties are allowed to have an advocate present, but the advocate cannot speak for the accuser or the accused during the hearing. Some universities, however, do allow an attorney to speak for the alleged rapist.

Collem defends the idea of a separate university hearing.

"If they (the university) cannot intervene, there is no way to protect the victim," she said. "If you turn the matter over to the police only, they (the suspects) can live right down the street or be in class with you."

"I do see how some feel there is unfair due process. When using the conduct system to adjudicate sexual assault, it's a very controversial issue," Collem said. "It's an imperfect system."

Collem said she would like to eventually see a mediation process for date rape cases at every university that would eliminate many cases going before a judicial committee.

The Bemidji judicial board, after hearing both sides of a date rape story, often recommends that students attend alcohol rehabilitation classes, relationship education classes and women's studies classes, rather than expelling them.

Throughout the country, campus judicial officers appear to be in favor of strong punishment for any rapist found guilty by the university system.

In a recent national survey conducted by the Towson State University Campus Violence Prevention Center in Maryland, 76 percent of campus judicial affairs officers favored expelling a person found guilty of rape.

Staff Editorials

\$16 for parking isn't enough for the school

RSC students endure many hardships while attending school. We're forced to pay ever-raising tuition. We subject our vehicles to break-ins due to the area the school is located in, and the parking situation is terrible.

The tuition problem is out of the hands of the Board of Trustees. Blame that on the State Legislature. Security has been beefed-up this year (unnoticeable to some maybe, but beefed-up). So, the never-popular parking problem deserves some examination at this point.

Located in the midst of the RSC student parking lot, is a small island of 100 metered parking stalls. These spaces cost \$1 for 8 hours. Directly below the money deposit box is a sign that reads "students with parking sticker must also pay fee." So if the parking lot has been filled up, and you are forced to park in one of these "special stalls," you still must pay the \$1 fee.

Apparently the \$16 parking fee you paid at the beginning of the semester isn't enough for the school, and it doesn't give you the right to park anywhere in the lot.

We think that this practice is unfair to all the students who have already been hit hard by the budget crunch. Give them their \$16 worth. Open those spots for stickered vehicles.

According to the security office, violators will be handed out citations. So in the meantime, watch out where you park, because you never know when one of our top-notch security officers might stumble upon an infraction.

Campus crime... a sad fact of life

Last Tuesday, a tragedy struck this campus. One that is becoming an all too familiar and sad testimonial to life on America's college campuses. At approximately 4:10 p.m. a female faculty member was assaulted in one of the restrooms on campus. We wholeheartedly condemn this action, and our deepest sympathies go out to the victim.

While inducing paranoia would be the least of our desires, we feel it important to stress the necessity of students and faculty alike to be aware of their surroundings so that similar events might be avoided.

Understand that we are not placing blame on the victim; that burden must always repose upon the perpetrator. In this instance there was probably little to nothing she could have done to prevent this atrocity from occurring.

Community awareness and action must be a factor. For every rape or rape attempt that is reported, several others go undocumented, thus not giving proper reflection of the severity of the crime.

In every community, there are organizations that can assist victims of rape or assault. The Orange County Sexual Assault Network has a 24 hour rape crisis hotline. The number is (714) 831-9110.



U.S. media promotes racial tensions

■ By oversimplifying current events they reduce many issues to black and white

By Valerie Williams
el Don Staff Writer

As a 23-year old African-American female recently returned from Europe, I was reminded of the overwhelming influence the American media has in forming world opinion. The images created by American movies, television shows, printed and broadcasted news form the ideas and thoughts of people around the world.

American media's obsession with oversimplifying issues into black versus white is infecting the international community.

Spanish media sources have adopted the negative practice of highlighting race when dealing with criminal acts, and equating violence and drugs with African communities. In doing so, the Spanish media, like American media, overlooks the complexities of each case and prefers to focus on the race of criminals.

News coverage of the Los Angeles Riots stands as a glowing ex-

"News coverage of the Los Angeles Riots stands as a glowing example of American Media's habit for converting issues into an arsenal for racism"

ample of American media's habit for converting issues into an arsenal for racism. The violence that followed the trial of the four LAPD officers who beat Rodney King, was shown as having started, escalated and ended in the predominately black neighborhoods of South

Central Los Angeles.

These images were televised and printed around the world. In fact, this is what I saw in Madrid. It was only after speaking with family and friends did I learn that the violence was not limited to African-American communities, nor were blacks the only perpetrators of crimes. People of all races were involved and the most affluent neighborhoods of Beverly Hills were effected.

Many Americans, like many Europeans, have limited exposure to African-Americans. Their ideas are formed by what they see on television; their media-created ideas are rarely challenged. Yet negative stereotypes are constantly reinforced.

At a time when the world is plagued with hatred and countries are being splintered by racial differences and civil unrest, now more than ever the U.S. media should be taking an active role in teaching tolerance and racial understanding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GLASS member sets the record straight

To the Editor:

Re: the editorial in today's [Feb. 11] issue of el Don "Should gays demand separate rights?" by Larry Murrieta:

GLASS, the Gay/Lesbian Associated Student Support of RSC is the name of the club on this campus, a club in existence for 7 semesters, during which time the club has successfully nominated a gay homecoming king, won Inter-club council awards such as New Club achievement for 1990-91; and Club Advisor of the year, Club Presi-

dent of the year, and Club of the year for 1991-92.

I am the co-founder and past president of GLASS, and it disturbs me to think that after the years that faculty, staff, and students have donated time, money and effort to help GLASS become one of the most successful clubs on this campus--we obviously have a lot of work to do if both the writer and the editor do not recognize such a callous error in the naming of our organization.

For Mr. Murrieta, I can only extend this one bit of information--do not project people's behavior towards you when there is no cause to do so. My experience over the

years with GLASS, as well as people on campus, have taught me that relatively few talk of 'gay' rights, only human ones. I personally have never stated any policy of attaining "gay" rights, nor is it the purpose of GLASS to strive for "gay" rights. We are here to discuss, talk, and deal with day-to-day struggles to understand ourselves and the behavior of the world around us. As always, people who support our efforts to "just understand and be understood" are always welcome in our club meetings-- and that includes you, Mr. Murrieta.

Sincerely,
Barbara A. Campbell

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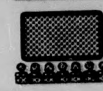
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An ordinary man battles an army of darkness

By Cindy Cha
el Don Staff Writer

If movies like *The Evil Dead*, and *Evil Dead II* cause you to quiver, then *Army of Darkness* will shake you up even more.

Written and directed by Sam Raimi, the director of *Darkman*, *The Evil Dead* and *Evil Dead II*, *Army of Darkness* is a heinously comic sword-and-sorcery fantasy about a 20th century man who is hurled into the Dark Ages by demonic forces. Also thrown back along with him are an unreliable chain saw, an old 12-gauge shot gun and a 1973 Delta 88 Olds that is low on gas.

In a hilariously gruesome tug-of-war between the living and the dead, Ash (Bruce Campbell) confronts a large number of the possessed in the most extreme battle for survival and the only possible chance to return to his own time.

In the film, Ash subdivides and splits in two. One part consists of the noble qualities in a man, the

other part contains those that are evil, the dark side of man.

Ash's medieval love interest, Sheila (Embeth Davidtz) falls into the demonic hands and also becomes evil incarnate, gorged with white eyes and skin.

Campbell's role as Ash called for punishing non-stop physical action from the first scene to the last.

This non-stop action tale consists of armies of skeletal monsters, demons that burst from tombs and time that is twists and turns upon itself. 20th century attitudes and language clash with the 13th century world Ash is thrown into to form the humorous edge in this movie.

Raimi is known for his wildly imaginative film making style, but his fierce creativity and unique sense of humor has never been more illustrated than in *Army of Darkness*.

Army of Darkness is now playing in theaters everywhere. This film is rated R; running time is 95 minutes.



Good vs. Evil

Thanks to demonic woes, Ash (Bruce Campbell) and Sheila (Embeth Davidtz) must also comfort the evil in themselves in the ultimate battle for survival in Sam Raimi's *Evil of Darkness*.

Courtesy of Universal Pictures

A shrewd comedy

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don Staff Writer

The passions of not-so-young love come alive on the stage as PAC, The Professional Actors Conservatory, presents the classic William Shakespeare comedy *The Taming of Shrew*.

The story, presented in a play-within-a play format, follows the actions of Petrucchio, a man desperate to replace a lost fortune. In order to do so he must win the heart of the contemptible Katherine.

ine. Determined to tame his shrew (and get his fortune), Petrucchio finds himself falling in love with his prey. This story is contrasted in the PAC production with the backstage antics of a traveling band of actors.

Theatergoers can catch the production, directed by Phillip W. Beck, at Phillips Hall. Showtimes are at 8 p.m. on Feb. 26 and 27; 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 28. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students and seniors. For more information, call 564-5661.

This series has a lot of class

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don Staff Writer

Imitation, comedian Fred Allen said, is the sincerest form of television. That being the case, it is no surprise that the major television networks have been trying to copy the success of *Beverly Hills 90210*. Until now, most of their attempts have failed. Enter *Class of '96*, the newest series from Fox Television.

Class of '96 features a group of college freshmen, each experiencing their first taste of freedom. Set at Havenhurst, a small, private

college in the Northeast, *Class of '96* is everything most youth-oriented shows are not - intelligent, well-written, above all, very enjoyable.

Jason Gedrick stars as David Morrissey, a working-class kid from Jersey who is determined to be famous writer.

Lisa Dean Ryan co-stars as Jessica Cohen, a young woman seemingly ashamed of her families wealth and determined to be "one of the gang." (Naturally, she and David soon fall in love.) The chemistry between these two actors is real and makes the show very enjoyable. Most youth-oriented series would have had these two characters in bed long ago. The producers are to be commended for offering viewers a slow moving, adult relationship.

The appealing supporting cast includes Brandon Douglas, Perry Moore, Gale Hansen, Kari Wuhrer and Megan Ward.

Despite its appeal, *Class of '96* is not without its faults. Though just freshmen, these characters are enrolled in classes with 20 or 30 students. Where are the huge lecture halls filled with 200 or more students?

Another flaw is the fact that none of these students work. Few students have that luxury these days. It would be nice to see at least one character struggling to meet the demands of a full-time job and school.

Despite these flaws, *Class of '96* is well worth your viewing time. The stories manage to capture much of the magic and frustration of college life. An episode poking fun at add/drop week was particularly funny.

Class of '96 is produced by Leonard Goldberg (Family) which undoubtedly accounts for the adult approach to storylines. The series airs Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. on KTTV, Channel 11.

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Sports

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SPORTS WIRE

EX-Don getting no playing time

Former Rancho Santiago basketball player Brett Pagett, son of RSC head basketball coach Dana Pagett, has been given a reduced role in his final year of playing basketball for the University of Washington.

Pagett transferred to Washington last season and was immediately put into the starting lineup at point guard. He started a majority of the Huskies games but the team finished with a 12-17 record and eighth place in the Pac-10.

As a junior, Pagett had a hard time adapting to the higher level of competition in the Pac-10.

"It's a tough transition (to the Pac-10) because every team is a great team and you have to battle each night," he said. "There are so many great athletes you have to go against."

Pagett is only averaging 2.4 points, but has 40 assists and 18 steals despite averaging about 16 minutes per game.

Washington has since gone to a three-guard offense and that has increased Pagett's playing time slightly.

Hall of Fame wants record breaking shoes

Bill Elliot of Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kansas, just recently set a college basketball record with his 432 career three-point baskets.

Since MANC is a NAIA school and its coaches do not have the big-money shoe contracts which provide all the footwear his or her team needs, it might be hard for Elliott to give in to the request of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The Hall said it wanted the shoes he was wearing when he made the record basket. There is one problem; it is the only pair of basketball shoes he has.

"I hope they don't want them right away," said Elliott, a 6-2 senior who broke the record of Tony Smith of Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, NC.

Coaches rally behind Campanelli

The board of directors of the National Association of Basketball Coaches met by phone for approximately an hour and a half debating about how and whether to protest the firing of University of California at Berkeley basketball coach Lou Campanelli.

Campanelli had a 10-7 record and a young, promising team until he was unceremoniously fired two weeks ago.

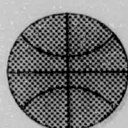
"This firing of coaches at midseason is an issue that we have to address," said Jim Haney, NABC executive director. "There have been four so far this year in Division I, and we understand two more have not been announced."

Erratic Dons start hoop playoffs

Men's Basketball:

Assist leader Hossler leaves for personal reasons; team's playoff prospects in doubt

By Ev Phillips
el Don Staff Writer



The men's basketball team, playing without all-conference guard Beau Hossler, closed out the Orange Empire Conference schedule Friday at Fullerton, losing 102-79 as the Hornets broke open a close game in the second half.

Hossler, RSC's all-time assist leader, left the team Feb. 18 for personal reasons. He was averaging 10.5 points and 5.8 assists per game.

The Dons (19-12, 8-6) finished fourth in the OEC but qualified for the Southern California Regional playoffs for the seventh straight year.

In Friday's game, the Dons trailed only 47-45 at halftime. But the Hornets (15-17, 4-10) went on a tear at the start of the second half behind hot-shooting Bobby Natoya and Kevin Carlson to build an insurmountable 77-57 lead with 10:26 remaining.

RSC got within 12 points, 80-68, with 6:35 left but could get no closer. Natoya and Carlson, who nailed nine three-pointers between them, shared scoring honors for Fullerton, each with 24 points. Ruben Oronoz led the Dons with 18 while J.J. Ballesteros added 16.

Two nights earlier, RSC blew out Orange Coast 113-84 at Bill Cook Gym as the Dons came within one point of tying the school's all-time single-game scoring record.

SCOREBOARD

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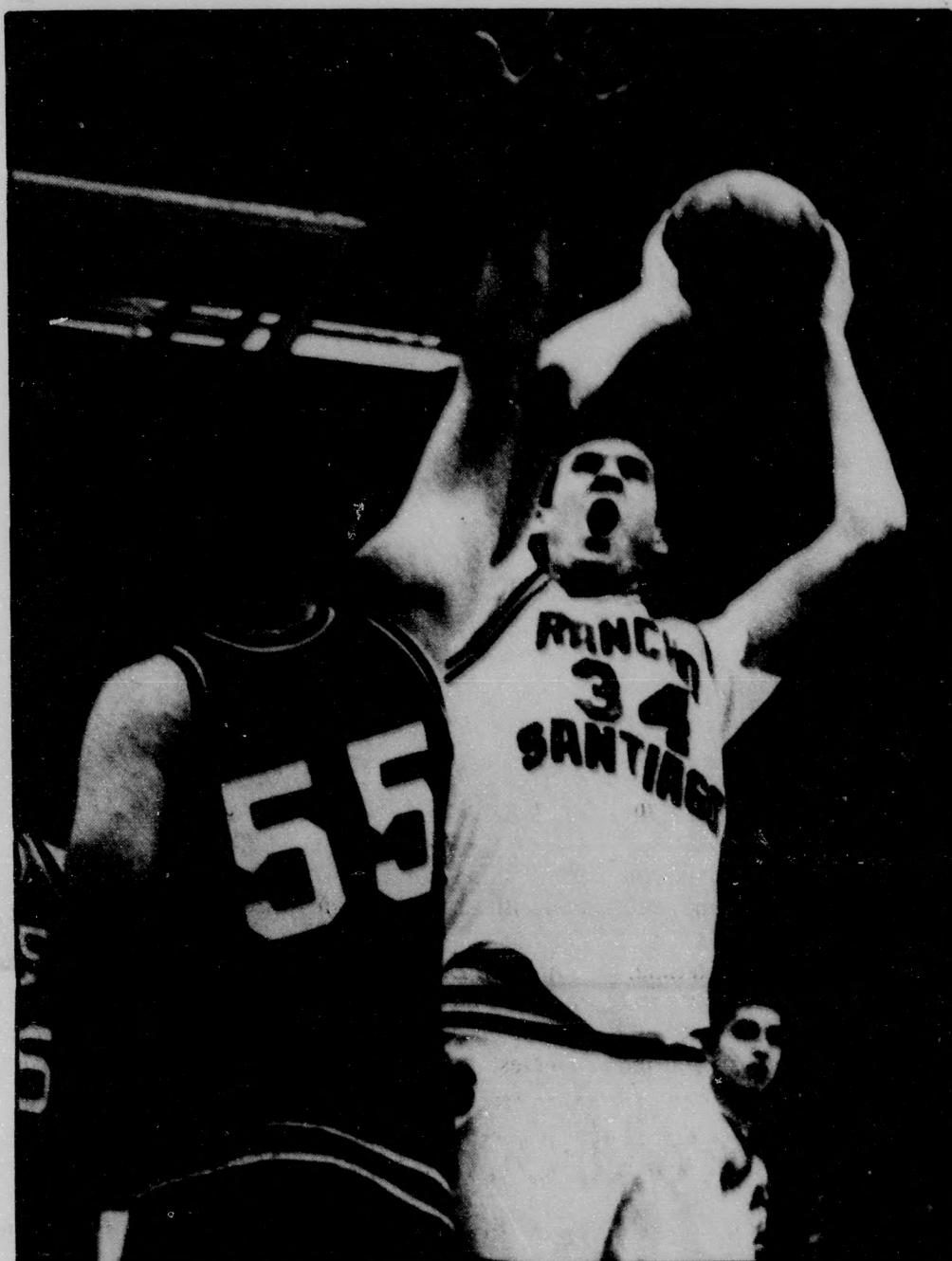
Fri. Feb. 19
RSC 79
Fullerton 102
Next Game:
Sat. Feb. 27
at L. A. Harbor
7:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Feb. 19
Fullerton 58
RSC 45
Next Game:
End
of
Season

GOLF

Wed. Feb. 17
RSC 413
Palomar 384
Next Match:
Mon. March 1
at Pasadena
Noon



RISING HIGH

Jason Janeski (34) outleaps 7-1 Adam Hess in OCC game. Dons won 113-84.

Carlos Echegoyen / el Don Photo

Rancho led the Pirates from start to finish. The Dons opened a 56-31 halftime advantage, stretched the lead to 37 points (70-33) with 14:53 remaining, then coasted

to the easy victory.

Seven Dons reached double figures. Fred Amos was high man with 19 points. Please see HOOPS, Page 8

Dons at Riverside in OEC opener

RSC primed for another title bid after strong preseason

By Ev Phillips
el Don Staff Writer

RSC opens defense of its Orange Empire Conference baseball title Saturday at Riverside following an outstanding pre-season in which the Dons won eight of nine games.

The 8-1 start improved head Coach Don Sneddon's overall record in 11-plus seasons to 349-125-1 (.736). The Dons are looking for their fourth straight OEC crown.

Sneddon attributes the team's success over the past three years to consistency.

"We've won mainly with strong pitching. Each year we have searched for and found competitive pitchers. We've also avoided an extended losing streak. While our competition has lost three or four in a row, we've not lost more than two successive games."

The Dons have been consistent again this year.

In their last outing Feb. 22, the Dons edged Cerritos 2-1 on the road as Jason Dietrich

won his second game of the year with relief help from Ryan Filbeck.

On Feb. 16, Brandon Hoalton ran his record to 2-0 with a 7-2 home win over San Diego City College.

The Dons' only loss came Feb. 14 to San Bernardino in the Southwestern Apache Classic in Chula Vista. Before that, they won six straight, including a three-game sweep in the annual RSC Lidlifter Tournament.

Riverside, which finished second in the OEC last year, is expected to challenge the Dons in this year's race, as are Fullerton, Cypress, Golden West and Saddleback.

"Everyone will be up for us and is improved over last year," Sneddon said.

"We have the talent to compete with anyone in the state, but the key will be our young players, and our pitchers maturing as quickly as possible."

The Dons open their home conference schedule Tuesday against Cypress. Game time is 2:00.

After a road game at Golden West on Thursday, the Dons return home next Saturday for a noon encounter with Fullerton.

Golf

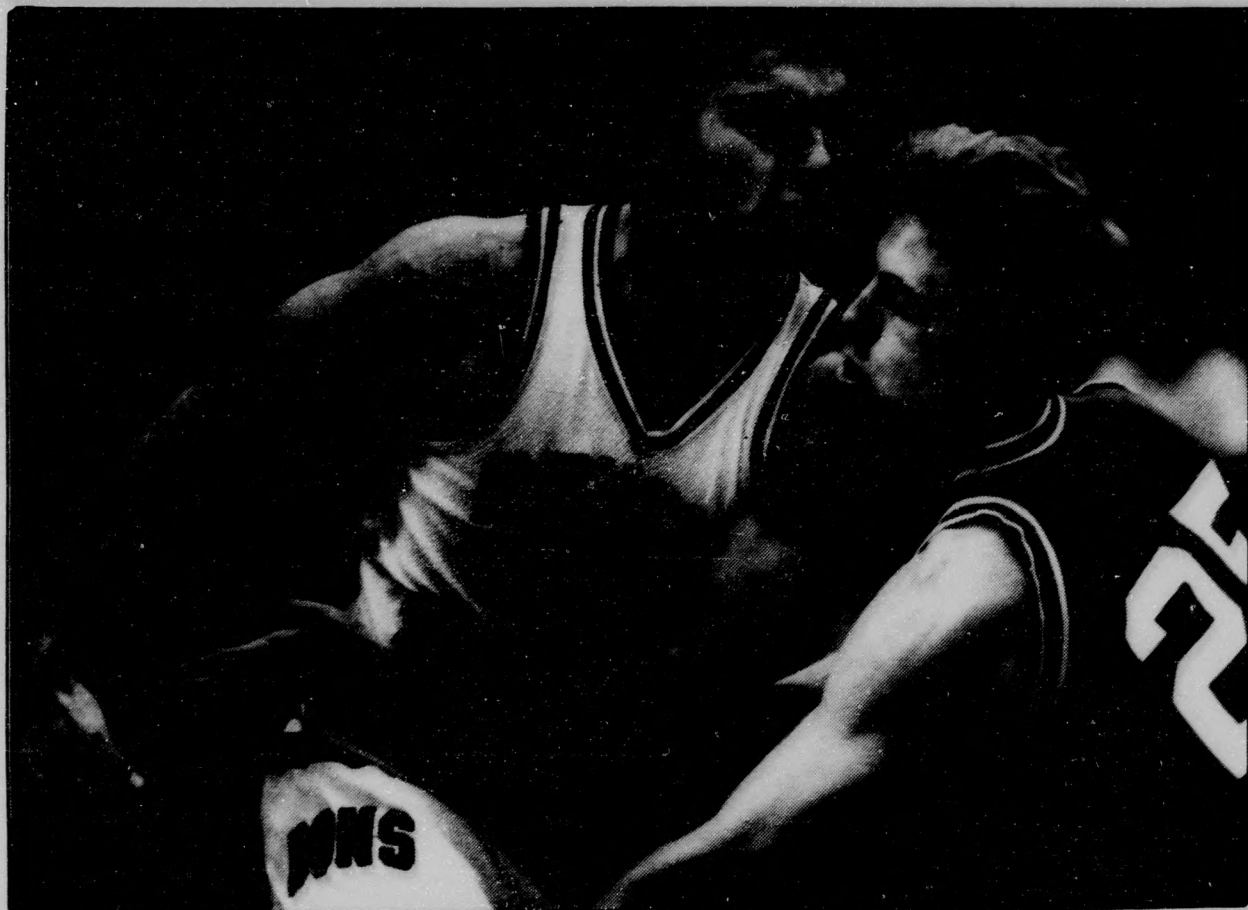
RSC drops opening OEC tournaments

By Mark Peinado
el Don Staff Writer

After opening the season with fifth, third and first place finishes in three consecutive tournaments, the RSC golf team hoped to start conference play strong but instead have hit a mini-slump.

The Dons opened their season by placing fifth out of 18 teams in the Victor Valley tournament with a score of 219. The tournament was set up for each team to have three sets of partners and then took the best ball location of the two and added up the score. In their next tournament at Palomar, the Dons finished third out of 10 teams with a score of 392. The teams played six golfers and took the best five scores of those six. At the Good Guys tournament, which was also a partners set-up, RSC finished first out of 12 teams with a score of 212.

RSC began conference play with a road loss to Saddleback with a score of 401 to 387. RSC then traveled to Palomar, losing to the Comets by a score of 413 to 384.



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CROOKS FOILED

OCC's Darren Crooks (25) reaches in but J. J. Ballesteros counters with behind-the-back dribble.

HOOPS:

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Oronoz had 18 and Corey Klink added a season-high 14 off the bench.

- Playoffs Start Saturday -

RSC opens the regionals Saturday at Los Angeles Harbor. The Seahawks (17-14, 6-4) finished third in the South Coast Conference behind defending state champion

Cerritos and Long Beach City.

The Dons whipped the Seahawks 109-82 in the semi-finals of the RSC/Northwestern Mutual Life Holiday Classic in December.

The winner will probably have to face Ventura, ranked No. 1 in the state, in the second round Wednesday.

Dons' head Coach Dana Pagett is looking forward to the challenge.

"It's a new season and a clean slate for everyone," he said.

"(Harbor) will be tougher the second time around and we must play in their gym. Add Ventura to our bracket and we have a very difficult task ahead of us."

Fans going to L.A. Harbor should take the San Diego Freeway (I-405) north to the Harbor Freeway (I-110) south. Exit at Pacific Coast Highway, turn right and make an immediate left onto Figueroa Place and the LAHC campus. Game time is 7:30.

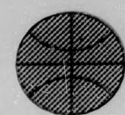
Lady Dons come close, lose OEC finale 69-57

By Roger Denman
el Don Staff Writer

BILL COOK GYM, Santa Ana - The Lady Dons suffered one of their toughest losses of the season at the hands of Saddleback College on Wednesday by the score of 69-57.

RSC ran the floor well in the first half and handled the up-tempo playing style of the Lady Gauchos to keep the game close. The two teams spent much of the first half trading baskets. Neither team managed to gain any sort of lead. At halftime, Saddleback held a slim lead over the Lady Dons, 29-28.

After the break, Saddleback dominated the boards and moved the ball around well to get easy shots



underneath the basket. The game remained close until midway through the second half. Tara Wolff grabbed an offensive rebound and scored a basket that began a Lady Gaucha run that put them ahead by ten points. RSC tried to close the gap, but

it was too late and Saddleback held on to win.

Shelley Calhoun scored 24 points. Wolff finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Gillian Bean had 14 points and added 7 assists for the Lady Gauchos.

RSC was led by Yessenia Cota with 15 points and Alin Perez, who had 13 points. Andrea Long had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Dons.

Track & Field

Rancho gets off to fast start

By Patrick Delaney
el Don Staff Writer

CERRITOS - The RSC track and field team competed in its first meet of the season Saturday, placing in several events.

Andre Mosley won the 200 meters with a time of 22.3 seconds, followed closely by Brian Danskin at 22.6.

Juan Valle, one of RSC's three shot putters, tossed the 16 lb. shot 35 feet, good for second place.

In the men's 1500, Joe Saucedo took second with a time of 4:08, while teammate Fidel Zavala finished third in 4:20.

Cross country standout Letica Mora won the women's 1500 with a time of 5:08. Mora has a personal best of 5:00 in the event.

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